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much, but too little. Even in the case of the young, though in our topsyturvy education we traverse the order of nature, and instead of discussing aptitudes, and following the openings of the budding intelligence, stamp into it the abstract conclusions of adult reason—yet, blunderers and crammers as we are, both in this respect and in the abuse of examination and scholarship systems, the instances of direct mischief are relatively few, . . . and in even these I suspect want of exercise, fresh air, and change of subject were more to be blamed than study itself." "By the great work of public health, we are bringing it about that no child shall be crippled or killed by preventible disease, and by educational reforms which are yet rather in sight than in action, we shall not attempt to repress but to intensify the nervous faculties of our young."

In the *British Weekly* for March 7th, is an interesting report of Canon Ainger's lecture at the Royal Institution on "Children's books of a hundred years ago," which number contains reminiscences by J. M. Barrie, and others of the late Prof. Blackie, whom all the country is mourning; and in my pocket-book I find, culled recently I know not whence, the following scraps:—Parents are like looking glasses for their children to dress themselves by." "We speak of educating our children; do we know that our children also educate us?" "Stern parents fill the world with bad men."

I must not close without recording here the appointment of one of our vice-presidents, Dr. Percival, to the Bishopric of Hereford, and to offer to him the respectful congratulations of an old and attached pupil.

PATER JUNIOR.

P.N.E.U. NOTES.

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BELGRAVIA BRANCH.—*Sec.:* Miss Paterson, 28, Victoria Street, S.W. *Treasurer:* Mrs. Hallam Murray. On February 22nd, an interesting and instructive address was given by Dr. Francis Warner, entitled "A Study of Children;" a discussion followed in which Canon Furse and others took part. On May 21st, Rev. F. B. Westcott, Headmaster of Sherborne School, will lecture on "The Parents' Part in the Religious Training of Boys."

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. E. L. Franklin, 9, Pembridge Gardens, W. On February 20th, Miss Helen Webb, M.B., in a lecture on "The Hygiene of Needlework," drew attention to the need of using every means to develop the imagination and originality of children, and one such she maintained was to be found in "Freehand" needlework as opposed to ordinary traced fancy-work. Miss Webb explained her methods and shewed many beautiful specimens. She also dwelt on the hygienic and soothing effect of such work on invalids and convalescents. Mrs. Howard Glover occupied the chair.

Mr. Howard Swan's lecture on the "Gouin System" will be held on April 4th, at 9, Lancaster Gate (by the kindness of Mrs. Stanley), Mr. A. Coote, M.A., in the chair.

A training course on the "Gouin System" will commence in May. Mrs. Franklin will be glad to receive the names of intending members, as also for the "Out-door Natural History Lessons" to commence in May, on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. She is at home on Thursday mornings, when she will be glad to give all particulars as to the work of the branch.

HAMPSTEAD AND ST. JOHN'S WOOD BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. C. Herbert-Smith, The Retreat, North End, Hampstead—On February 20th, Mrs. Marks read a paper entitled "Female Education 200 years ago." Rev. Dr. Brooke Herford, who was in the chair, followed with an interesting account of the education of girls in the State of Massachusetts at the same period. The next meeting will be on April 24th, when Dr. Macnaughton Jones will speak on "Alcohol—its use and abuse."

DULWICH AND STREATHAM BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* (*pro tem*) Miss Woodman, Woodlawn, Dulwich. A meeting will be held on April 1st, when Dr. Schofield and Mrs. Franklin will speak.

CLAPHAM BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Miss E. Bloxam, 29, Northside, Clapham Common. A Reading Circle was held on March 4th, when the second chapter of "Home Education" was read and discussed. The Rector of Clapham presided. The next General Meeting will be held early in April, when Mr. Penfold will read a Paper on "The Hygiene of Children's Dentistry."

HIGHGATE AND CROUCH END BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Ebbelwhite, 2, Ashmount Road, Hornsey Lane, N. On March 11th, a deeply interesting Paper was read by Mrs. Franklin, on "Educational Principles," Rev. A. E. Allcock, M.A., Head Master of Highgate School, in the chair.

READING BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mr. W. Salmon, 54, London Street. The next meeting will be held on April 6th, when Mrs. J. Spencer Curwen will give an address "On the Application of Educational Principles to Pianoforte Teaching." The chair will be taken at 3 by Mr. J. C. B. Tirbutt, Mus. Bac., organist of All Saints' Church.

SHEFFIELD BRANCH.—*Hon. Secs.:* Mrs. Newton Coombe, Brocco Band, and Miss Walmsley, the High School. Mr. T. G. Rooper, H.M.I., being unable through illness to deliver his promised lecture, Miss Walmsley read a paper on "Kindergarten methods and principles." Much interest was aroused in the work of the Union, and several new members were enrolled.

FOLKESTONE BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Herbert Baynes, 9, Christchurch Road. A meeting to inaugurate this branch was announced for March 26th; speakers, Rev. W. Hall and Mrs. Baynes.

SCARBOROUGH BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.*—Mrs. G. Rowntree, 14, Valley Bridge. *Erratum:* Mrs. Bryant, "District Sec." should be D. Sc. in last month's *Parents' Review*. On February 14th a Paper was read by Mrs. Barker, written by Mr. C. Russell, on "Slöyd." Miss Andrés, of the Nääs School was with us and added to the paper by a most practical exposition of the value of Slöyd as an educational subject, and brought out the moral, mental, and physical advantages of such a training. There were exhibits on the table of wood and cardboard Slöyd, also of embossed leather work, and bent iron work. February 25th. Joint Lecture of the Teachers' Guild and P.N.E.U. Miss Mary Simpson, of Leeds, read a capital Paper, entitled, "Nature—our children's friend." Diagrams were thrown on the screen illustrating some special points in Botany. The paper was full of suggestions for Parents as well as Teachers. The chair was taken by R. H. Barker, Esq.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Berry Hart, 29, Charlotte Square. Owing to illness the meeting announced to be held here has been unavoidably postponed.

ABERDEEN BRANCH.—*Hon. Sec.:* Mrs. Lawson, 43, Hamilton Place. An important public meeting has been held here, the report of which is unfortunately crowded out.

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"Education is an atmosphere, a discipline, a life."

BAD BRINGING UP.

BY T. G. ROOPER.

LET me commence by introducing to you an engaging child of five years, who accompanies his mamma to call on a friend. During the visit he permits no one in the room to have a moment's peace. For a time he leans listlessly against a chair or his mother's knee. Soon he begins to touch everything in the room within his reach, in spite of the repeated "Don't do that, my dear," and concludes a series of irritating interruptions with a yawn, and a drawling cry, "Let's go, mamma." Mamma replies: "In a minute, my pet; be good."

Seated at table, the harmony of the meal is upset without notice, by a howl from the small child, who either would like what he does not get, or is helped to a dish which he does not like. Mamma may be distressed, or she may be angry, but neither wrath nor sorrow prevents the small despot from being master of the situation. The contrast between the little one's real tenderness and feebleness, and his acquired power over his elders, without whose constant attention he is absolutely helpless, is most instructive, and to those who, like Puck, "love to see things turn out preposterously," not a little comic.

But our small friend, when at home, is apt to lord it over the domestics in a manner all his own, and the more because they themselves are half amused at his precocious